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## 150 BODIES FOUND

In a Tangled Mass in Staircase Leading Up From Lower Vein.

Practically all the bodies of those that perished in the Cherry, Ill., disaster were found Wednesday morning on the staircase at the mouth of the lower level, after being entombed for 12 days.

At least 150 bodies were found, leaving about 20 to be accounted for. The bodies were completely blocking the staircase leading from the third to second vein and scattered along the vein where they dropped. Black damp was the cause of death.

Two rude wooden ventilating fans, were affixed to the shaft wall and stairway. The men turned these by hand in their effort to brush back the black damp. One of the dead miners' hands were firmly gripped about the fan. Many dinner pails were found, some of them partly filled.

The bodies were found 500 feet from the main shaft on an elevated surface where the men had retreated before the advancing water and fatal black damp.

Messages scrawled on wood and slate placed the number of dead at 160 or 165. One message read: "We are all here to die together."

To take out the bodies a skiff was lowered to the vein in which the bodies were found and rowed across the four feet of water in the vein to where the bodies lie.

The rescuers who found the bodies said they found them piled up on top of each other in heaps. Some of the men had their heads resting on their folded arms as if asleep. Others were lying across each other and some were sitting against the wall.

On Friday morning the mine was tightly sealed in order to smother the fire if possible. All hope of saving any more inmates alive was thus gone.

### His Preference.

Five-year-old Bobbie went visiting with his mother and unexpectedly remaining over night, was obliged to wear his cousin Kate's night-gown. The next morning he said tearfully: "Mamma, before I'll wear a girl's nightie again I'll sleep raw."—Harper's Weekly.

Judge—"Prisoner, do you wish to challenge any of the jurymen?" Reilly—"Well, yer honor, I'll fight that black whiskered guy over on the end."

### \$5,500 For Trotter.

Aquin, holder of the record for trotting stallions for 1908, was sold in New York to Alonzo McDonald, of Indianapolis, for \$5,500.

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### Held Over to Grand Jury.

Robert Humphries, of Bath county, was tried before Judge Pendleton at Winchester on the charge of having stolen ten cattle from Mr. Sharp, of Bath county, and one steer from W. W. Gay, of Clark county. He was held over to the Circuit Court in the sum of \$500 for the first alleged theft and \$300 for the second. The cattle were recovered.

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### Seven Months in Prison.

Mrs. Alice Chapin, the suffragette, who injured a police clerk at an election, when she smashed a bottle containing corrosive acid on a ballot box, was sentenced to seven months imprisonment in London, England.

### Work on Panama Channel.

Five miles of the Panama canal have been opened to navigation. This includes the channel from the point in the Bay of Panama, where the water is 45 feet deep at mean tide, to the wharves at Balboa. Steamships plying between San Francisco and Panama and the west coast ports of South America and Panama are using this part of the canal daily.

Shopper—"Can I hang this paper on myself?"

Salesman—"Yes, but it would look better on the wall."

## BILLION

In Profits Earned By Standard Oil Since Its Formation.

That the Standard Oil Company has made profits of nearly \$600,000,000 in seven years, from 1902 to 1909, is figured out by one of Wall street's statisticians. This year's profit is estimated at \$80,000,000. The approximate figures, allowing \$80,000,000 for 1909, are \$593,202,000. In this time the company has distributed \$318,594,300 in dividends.

According to Wall street John D. Rockefeller could build several universities, organize societies to stamp out the "hookworm" and do other things that require the spending of millions from his share in the dividends without touching his fortune from other sources.

Mr. Rockefeller is supposed to own about a third of the Standard Oil stock. On that basis he received \$106,198,000 out of the \$318,594,300 paid to shareholders in the shape of dividends, or about \$6,000,000 more than the capitalization of the company.

For the 17 years since 1892 the net profits of the company are estimated at \$1,049,442,064, while the dividends for the same period have amounted to \$670,427,300. The surplus, after dividends, amounts to \$379,014,764.

Have you been to the Louisville Store for dry goods, notions, shoes, hosiery and other articles? Examine their stock and prices.

### Death on Field.

The casualty record for football this season includes 28 deaths and 69 players injured, not including the Thanksgiving day games yet to be accounted. Of the 26 dead, ten were college players, nine were high school players and seven belonged to teams not affiliated with schools. The same ratio applies to the injured. Last year only 13 were recorded as killed in playing the game, and in 1907 there were 104. Eighty-four were injured in 1908 and 122 in 1907.

### Indicted For Murder of Captain Rankin.

At Union City, Tenn., indictments were returned against 6 men, charging each of them with the murder of Captain Rankin at Reelfoot Lake. All except Ed. Marshall have already been tried and found guilty. Two were given twenty years in the penitentiary and the others sentenced to hang, but their cases were reversed by the Supreme Court and sent back for a new trial.

The boys and girls must be comfortable during the winter. Fix them up at the Louisville Store.

### Cost of Canal.

The official estimate of \$375,000,000 for the Isthmian canal is generally believed to be most conservative. The late Senator Morgan, of Alabama, never placed the amount less than half a billion. Congressmen generally believe that Col. Goethals in estimating the cost at \$375,000,000 has fallen short of his mark.

Representative Burleson, a member of the Appropriation Committee, thinks it will be near \$425,000,000. Mr. Burleson said that Congress should not attempt to pursue a niggardly policy toward the canal work. "It is not a question of money now," said Mr. Burleson, "the canal is being dug and we should allow the commission all the money it can use."

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## ALCOHOL AND

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DISCUSSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Education of Children as to the Effect of the System.

Alcohol and alcoholism are two of the real and substantial enemies of moral, artistic and commercial progress of the human race, according to the report of the United States delegates to the twelfth International Congress on Alcoholism.

The congress was held last July in London, and twenty-five governments were represented, the delegates of each concurring in the general finding that alcohol not only was unnecessary to human life and comfort, but was inimical to both. All twelve delegates from the United States signed the report, which condemned the drinking habit as dangerous to public health and morals and subversive of national, moral, commercial and military greatness.

The interest shown in the congress was greater than ever known before, and an invitation from the Queen of Holland to hold the next meeting at The Hague, in conjunction with the peace conference two years hence, was accepted.

### AS TO EDUCATING CHILDREN.

The importance of educating children as to the effects of alcohol on the system was emphasized, particularly scientific temperance education in the public schools, as a means of correcting impressions in the public mind about the effects of alcohol taken in small doses.

Mrs. Edith Smith Davis, of Milwaukee, Wis., superintendent of the World's and National Christian Temperance Union, an American delegate, urged the necessity of compelling the curricula of normal schools and universities to include such education.

The United States, according to the report, made an unusually good showing in its exhibits. Germany also was to the fore with a particularly fine collection of colored charts showing the effect of alcohol on the body, the family and upon society. Especially effective, it is said, were the stereopticon slides of the National Temperance League of Great Britain.

These stereopticon pictures were largely reproductions of municipal posters that are being used by the City Councils of about 100 British boroughs.

### SHOW THE HORRIBLE EXAMPLES.

The posters deal in a popular way with the deleterious effects of alcohol on the human system and are posted by order of the regular officials of towns in which the sale of intoxicants is licensed. This fact, however, does not prevent the officials from warning the public against the use of alcohol.

Following the example of Great Britain, the city and district officials of France and Australia likewise have adopted the "public warning" method of advising the people against indulgence.

The relation of drunkenness to crime was a subject that received much attention at the congress. The Chief Justice of England, Lord Alverstone, announced that in his belief 90 per cent. of the crimes passing under his observation were due to drink.

Judge W. F. Pollard, of St. Louis, Mo., declared that of the cases passed upon by him fully 85 per cent. of those convicted could charge their degradation to the use of alcohol. Lieut. Col. McHardy, of Edinburgh, Scotland, coincided with Judge Pollard as to the per-

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centage of crimes occurring in the former Scotch capital.

### POLLARD'S PLEDGE PLAIN.

Judge Pollard won the support of the delegates from twenty-three countries for the adoption of his plan to suspend sentence in the case of every first offender who is brought into court charged with drunkenness.

This involves such first offenders signing a pledge to abstain for one year. If the probationers fail to live up to their pledge they may be arrested and summarily sentenced. The knowledge that one drink may mean a prison sentence, Judge Pollard argued, kept many a man straight until he had time to collect himself. The principle was regarded as admirable, and 400 delegates urged its adoption by the various governments of the world.

### WANTED! WANTED!

YOUR SCRAP IRON, LIVE GESE, HENS, ROOSTERS, TURKEYS AND EGGS, HIDES, FURS, TALLOW, BEESWAX, FEATHERS, AND GINSENG, FOR WHICH I WILL PAY THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE. E. T. REIS.

### John W. Skillman Dies at Ripe Old Age of 99.

In the death of John W. Skillman, which occurred November 23 at his home on Cane Ridge, Bourbon county lost her oldest citizen. Mr. Skillman being in his ninety-ninth year. He was born in Bedford county, Va., August 10, 1811.

Mr. Skillman was one of the oldest living members of the Christian church at the time of his death, having united with the church in 1836 under the preaching of Elder John T. Johnson. He held his membership in the church at Cane Ridge where Barton W. Stone held a great revival in 1803. His father, Isaac Skillman, came to Bourbon in 1816, settling near North Middletown, and died at the advanced age of 97 years.

Mr. Skillman was entirely blind but had full possession of his mental faculties and as late as Sunday predicted his death was but a few days off at the most.

He was thrice married, his first wife being Adaline Henderson, who bore him seven children, four of whom are living: Mr. A. J. Skillman, Mr. John W. Skillman, Jr., Mr. Charles Skillman, and Mrs. John T. McCauley, of Cynthiana. His third wife survives him.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough could be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all dealers. dec

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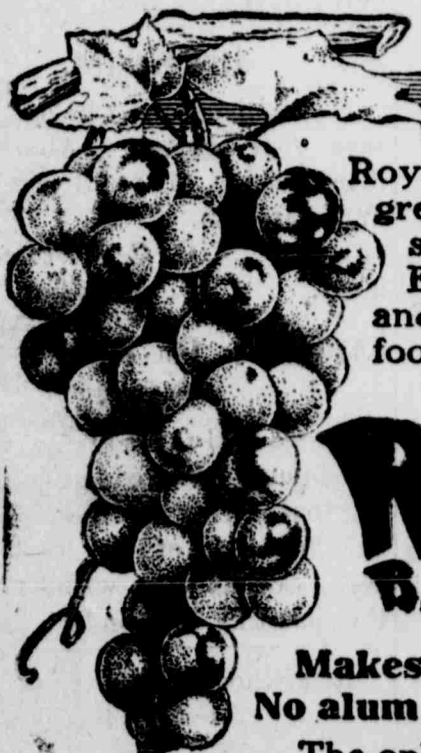
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